

1. Cover page

TEST EQUIPMENT DATA PACKAGE

Effects of Microgravity on Bioluminescence

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2. Change Page

No changes have been made to this document as of June 11, 2004

3. Quick Reference Sheet

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Experiment Title: Effects of Microgravity on Bioluminescence

Flight Dates: July 27/28 or July 29/30

Overall Assembly Weight:

Mounting Floor Plate: 10.5 pounds

Test Chambers: 8.74 pounds and 6.24 pounds

Combined weight with contents: 32.1 pounds

Assembly Dimensions: Length 26", Width 23", Height 8.5"

Equipment Orientation Request: No special orientation required

Proposed Floor Mounting Strategy: Bolts

Gas Cylinder Request: None required

Overboard Vent Request: No venting required

Power Requirement:

Camera: 12 V, 100 mA

Recorder: 110 V, 38 W

Free Float: No

Flyer Names for Proposed Flight Day:

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5. Flight Manifest

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6. Experiment Background

To understand the true definition of bioluminescence (organisms giving off light for their own benefit) it is necessary in order to distinguish between bioluminescence and similar phenomena. Biological chemiluminescence and iridescence are sometimes confused with bioluminescence. John Lee, from the Biochemistry Department at the University of Georgia, defines biological chemiluminescence as the light given off by biological processes that does not serve a purpose for that organism (414). An example of this is the faint light that is produced when cells divide quickly, such as onion root tip cells undergoing mitosis (Lee 413). Since this resulting glow does not help the onion, it is not considered bioluminescence. Iridescence is different from bioluminescence because it is produced by reflection or refraction of an external light source. Although certain species of beetles and butterflies seem to shimmer, the beetle or butterfly does not produce this light; it comes from external sources such as the sun.

The biological processes to produce bioluminescence are similar for creatures living on land and those in water. Although both terrestrial and aquatic bioluminescent organisms employ luciferin and luciferase to produce light, the structures of the luciferin and luciferase can be different depending on the organism (Lee 396). Luciferin is the broad name encompassing any material that glows when it loses electrons in the presence of luciferase. Luciferase is the enzyme that must be present to facilitate the oxidation (loss of electrons) of luciferin (Biol 3211 Lecture 8-1 5). Bioluminescent organisms produce diverse colors of light because their luciferin and luciferase are chemically different from each other. The color of the light produced depends on whether the organism is terrestrial or aquatic. Terrestrial organisms, such as fireflies and railroad worms, tend to produce red, yellow or green light. Aquatic organisms usually produce blue-green or green light because these colors travel well through the water without being absorbed, therefore enhancing the ability to be seen (Bioluminescence Questions and Answers 4).

Our goal in this experiment is to find out whether the microgravity environment encountered during space flight will affect the bioluminescence reaction. It is a preliminary experiment to experiments that might be conducted in space..

7. Experiment Description

This experiment investigates the bioluminescence chemical reaction in microgravity. It employs the chemicals luciferin and luciferase. Luciferase is an enzyme that catalyzes the oxidation of luciferin, resulting in the production of light. Small amounts of luciferin will be injected into the luciferase solution by means of a syringe during microgravity. A camera will record the reaction time and a light meter will measure the intensity of the light produced. We expect a reduction in the initial reaction time during microgravity.

8. Equipment Description

Experiment Chamber – A 1/4 inch aluminum base plate will be bolted to the floor. It will hold a light-sealed aluminum experiment chamber. A second aluminum box mounted to the plate will hold the experiment supplies. It will also contain the Freez Pack bags to chill the chemicals.

Syringe – A syringe will be used to manually insert the luciferin into a vial of luciferase and initiate the reaction.

Camera – A camera will be used to record the reaction time of the chemicals and observe any complications that may occur during the experiment. The camera is a PC-182XS CCD Camera. Its dimensions are 25 X 25 X 30mm.



Digital Light Meter – The light meter operates on a 9V battery. It is 131X70 X 25 mm in size and has a mass of 210 grams including the battery.



Video Recorder – The video signal from the PC-182XS camera will be recorded with a Sony GVD-2000 Digital 8 Video Walkman VCR. Its dimensions are 14.9 X 5.8 X 12.7 cm. It has a mass of 0.65 kg.



Power Strip with Surge Protector – The power strip will have a kill switch.

Freez Pak – Commercial reusable ice substitute for chilling the luciferin prior to its use. According to the manufacturer, the packets are “filled with a NON-TOXIC freezable gel, which is totally safe.” Its dimensions are 9.5 X 19.1 X 1.3 cm and it has a mass of 210 grams.

Ground Equipment

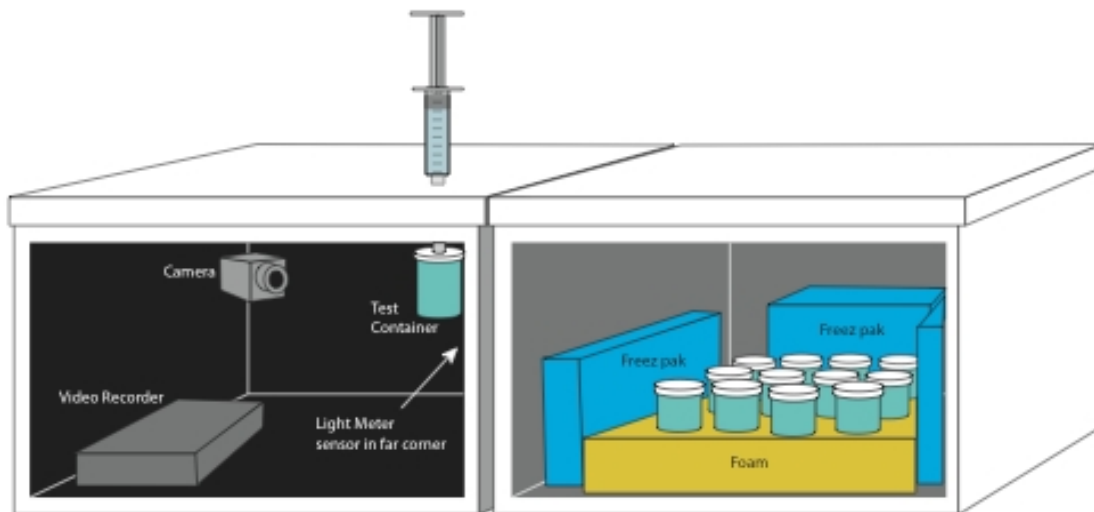
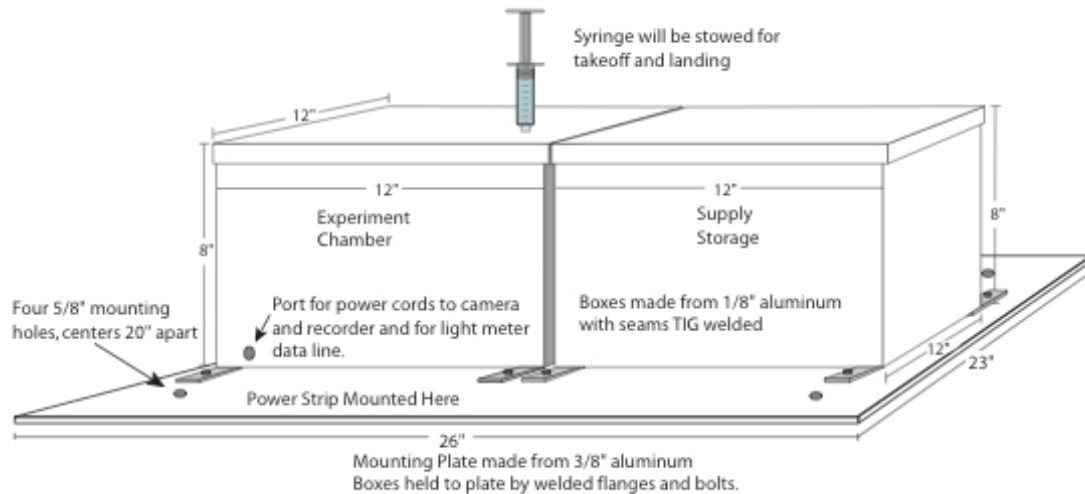
The ground equipment will consist of a cooler for pre-flight storage of chemicals.

Equipment Layout

We have no preference on the specific location or orientation of the experiment in the aircraft fuselage. A base plate will be placed on the floor and anchored with four bolts.

9. Structural Analysis

The apparatus consists of two aluminum boxes mounted on to a floor plate. One box holds the experiment and the other holds experiment supplies. The boxes are attached to the floor plate with welded flanges and bolts. A surge-protected power strip will be affixed to the floor plate and connected to the aircraft's power system.



Cutaway View of Box Interiors

G-Load Specifications:

Pull Testing was performed on all structural components of the experiment. Test load levels were determined by measuring individual component weights and multiplying those weights by the appropriate g load. The structure was then tested by hanging weights of a greater magnitude than the calculated g load from the structure at its approximate center of gravity. One or two concrete slabs each weighing 91.6 lbs were used for the tests on the base plate. The component was given a “pass” rating if no joint failures or significant component deformations were observed. Pull testing was performed on June 10 and 11, 2004 by exhibit fabrication staff of the Liberty Science Center.

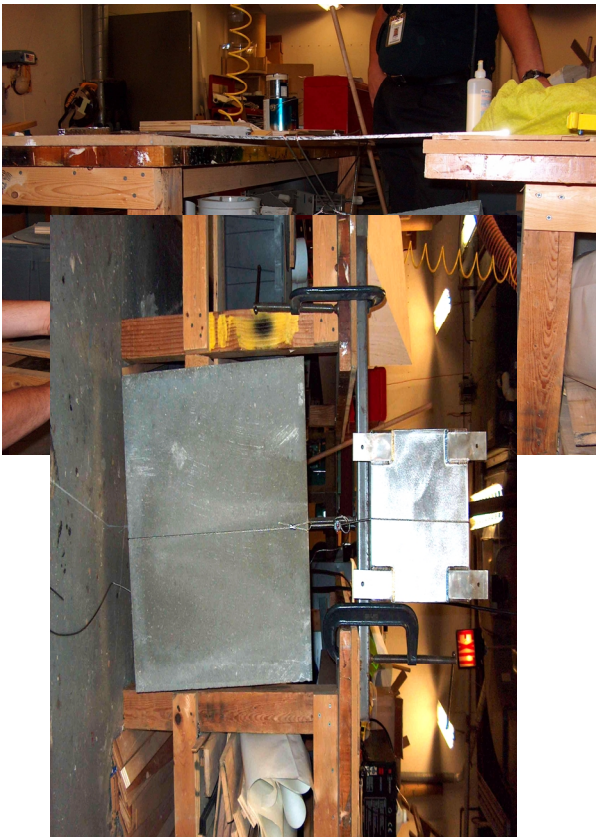
Pull Test Results

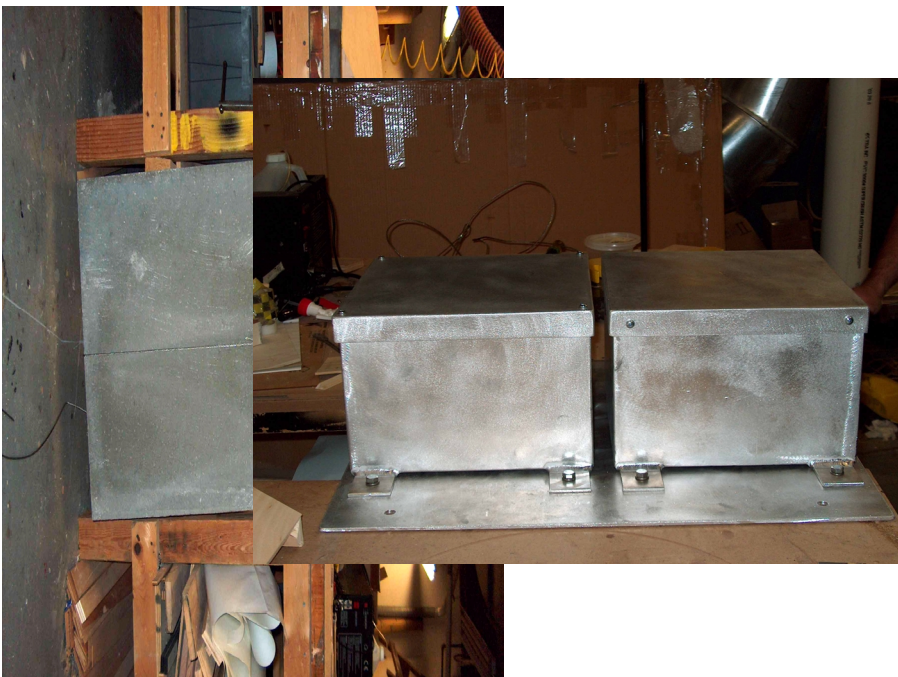
Component Tested	Weight	g load	Calculated load	Actual Load	Pass/No Pass
Floor Plate	10.5 lbs	9 g fwd	94.5 lbs	183.2 lbs	Pass
		6 g down	63 lbs	183.2 lbs	Pass
		2g side	21 lbs	183.2 lbs	Pass
		2 g up	21 lbs	183.2 lbs	Pass
Experiment Chamber	8.74 lbs	9 g fwd	78.7 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		6 g down	52.44 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2g side	17.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2 g up	17.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
Supply Storage Chamber	6.24 lbs	9 g fwd	56.16 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		6 g down	37.44 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2g side	12.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2 g up	112.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
Chamber Flanges (4)				91.6 lbs	Pass
Experiment Chamber	8.74 lbs	9 g fwd	78.7 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass

attachment to Base Plate		6 g down	52.44 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2g side	17.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
		2 g up	17.48 lbs	91.6 lbs	Pass
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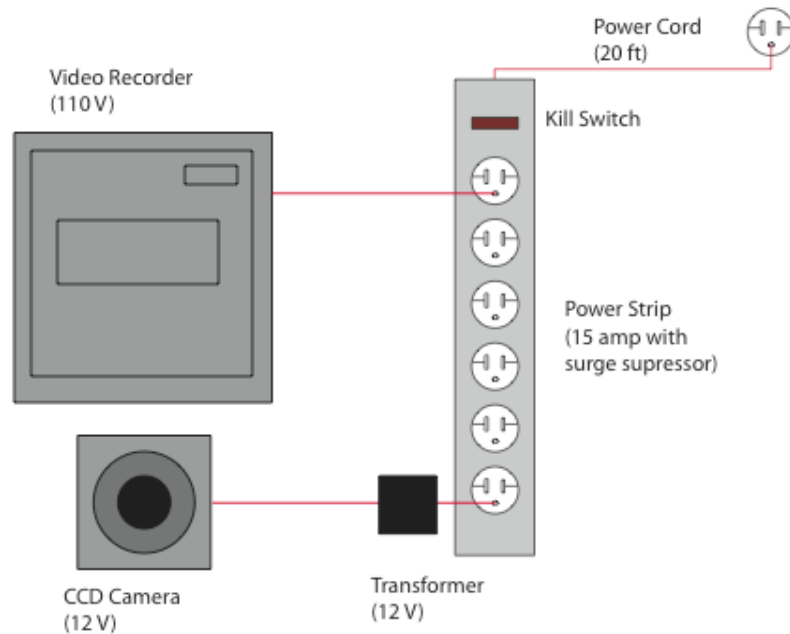
1. Testing Base Plate – Vertical
2. Testing Base Plate - Lateral
3. Testing Experiment Chamber - Lateral
4. Testing Experiment Chamber Mounting Flanges
5. Testing Chamber attachment to Base Plate – Vertical
6. Completed Structure





10. Electrical Analysis:

Schematic:



Load Table:

Device	Voltage	Amperage
PC-182XS Camera	12 V	100mA
Light meter*	9 V - DC	2.7mA

Device	100-240 V	Frequency	Wattage
Sony GVD-200 Video Recorder	100-240 V	50/60 HZ	23 W

* The light meter is independent from the aircraft power system.

Emergency Shutdown Procedures – The power strip has the master kill switch for cutting power to the camera and recorder. The light meter has its own power switch.

11. Pressure/Vacuum System Documentation Requirements:

Not Applicable

12. Laser Certification:

Not Applicable

13. Parabola Details and Crew Assistance:

No special parabola adjustments or crew assistance is required.

14. Institutional Review Board:

Not Applicable

15. Hazard Analysis Report Guidelines

Hazard Title – Flammable chemicals

Description of Hazard – These chemical employed may ignite if exposed to open flame or sparks.

Hazard Causes – Fire

Hazard Controls – The chemicals will be noted as flammable and that no one should expose it to any sort of fire. No special firefighting procedures are required. Simple water spray or CO2 will suffice.

Note: The flammable chemicals in individual vials and syringes will only be a few milliliters in volume.

16. Tool Requirements:

Syringes containing luciferin, and containers containing luciferase will be brought to the Reduced Gravity facility. The luciferin and the Luciferase must be stored in a cool area such as a refrigerator prior to flight.

To be borrowed from RGO: Wrench for tightening floor bolts.

17. Photo Requirements:

No special requirement other than general photo documentation of the team conducting their experiment.

18. Aircraft Loading:

A forklift will not be needed to place the experiment inside the plane.

19. Ground Support Requirements

No special ground support will be required

20. Hazardous Material

The chemicals (used here in small quantities) are combustible and should not be exposed to open flame.

21. Material Safety Data Sheets:

Material Safety Data Sheet

May be used to comply with
OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard
29 CFR 1910.1200. Standard must be
consulted for specific requirements.

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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IDENTITY Part #95-1263 MSDS 96-3148 Note: Blank spaces are not permitted. If any item is not applicable, or no information is available, the space must be marked to indicate that.

Section I

Manufacturer's Name Neo/SCI Corporation	Emergency Telephone Number 1-800-526-6689
Address (Number, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code) 210 Commerce Drive	Telephone Number for Information 1-800-526-6689
P.O. Box 22729	Date Prepared 7/10/2002
Rochester, NY 14692-2729	Signature of Preparer <i>Kenneth G. Rainis</i>

Section II - Hazardous Ingredients/Identify Information

	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits Recommended	%
Luciferase (CAS 9014-00-0)	NE	NE	NE	100.0

CAUTION! CONTACT MAY CAUSE SKIN & EYE IRRITATION. MAY PRODUCE ALLERGIC REACTION IF INGESTED.

Section III - Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Boiling Point NA	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O = 1) NA
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg) not listed	Melting Point (599°F) 315°C
Vapor Density (AIR = 1) Not Listed	Evaporation rate (Ether = 1) non-volatile
Solubility in Water Soluble	
Appearance and Odor Crystalline powder.	

Section IV - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

Flash Point (Method Used) Combustible (>200°C)	Flammable Limits in air % by volume NA	LEL NA	UEL NA
Extinguishing Media Use any media for extinguishing the supporting fire.			
Special Firefighting Procedures None required.			
Autoignition Temperature: NA			
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards NA			

Not DOT regulated.

Section V - Reactivity Data

Stability	Unstable	Conditions to Avoid Thermal decomposition may release carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.
	Stable	
	X	
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid) Oxidizing agents.		
Polymerization	Will Not Occur	Conditions to Avoid NA
	X	

Section VI - Health Hazard Data

Route(s) of Entry:	Inhalation?	Skin?	Ingestion?
	Yes	Yes	Yes

Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic)

Use good laboratory technique when handling this material. May be an inhalation and contact irritant upon prolonged contact.

Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Carcinogenicity:	NTP?	IARC Monographs?	OSHA Regulated?
No	No	No	No
LD50-LC50 Mixture: >250mg/kg			

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

May cause irritation to the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes.

Avoid skin and eye contact; do not ingest.

Medical Conditions

Emergency and First Aid Procedure

INHALATION: Irritant; avoid creating and breathing dusts.**INGESTION:** May be irritating to gastrointestinal tract.**EYES:** Flush thoroughly with water, lifting lower and upper eyelids with water for at least 15 min. lifting eyelids. Get medical attention if irritation persists. **SKIN:** Wash with mild soap and water.**Section VII - Precautions for Safe Handling and Use**

Steps to be Taken in Case Material Is Released or Spilled

Sweep up, place into container; avoid creating dusting conditions.

Waste Disposal Method (These guidelines are intended for listed quantity only.)

Insoluble in water; do NOT dispose to sanitary sewer.

Discharge may be subject to Federal, State and Local laws.

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storage (Keep container tightly closed when not in use.)

Store in a cool, dry place.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Other Precautions:

For lab use only. Not for drug, food, or cosmetic use. Keep out of reach of children. Wash hands after handling.

Section VIII - Control Measures

Respiratory Protection (Specify Type)

None needed.

Ventilation	Local Exhaust	Special
	Not required.	No
	Mechanical (General)	Other
	Not required.	No

Protective Gloves

None needed.

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment

Chemical safety goggles (recommended), lab coat, apron, eye wash station in close proximity, within 15 sec. of work station.

Work/Hygiene Practices

Wash hands with soap and water following the handling of this material.

Use under direct supervision of a qualified individual knowledgeable in all aspects of laboratory safety. This product is intended for lab use only. Not for drug, food, or cosmetic use.

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IDENTITY Part #95-1281
Luciferin 2mg MSDS 95-3147

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Section II - Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information

	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits Recommended	%
Luciferin (coclenterazine) (CAS 55779-48-1)	NE	NE	NE	100.0

**CAUTION: CONTACT MAY CAUSE SKIN & EYE IRRITATION. MAY PRODUCE ALLERGIC
REACTION IF INGESTED.**

Section III - Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Boiling Point NA	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O = 1) NA
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg) not listed	Melting Point (599°F) 315°C
Vapor Density (AIR = 1) Not Listed	Evaporation rate (Ether = 1) non-volatile
Solubility in Water Insoluble	

Appearance and Odor

Orange-red crystalline powder.

Section IV - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

Flash Point (Method Used) Combustible	Flammable Limits in air % by volume NA	LEL NA	UEL NA
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Extinguishing Media

Use any media for extinguishing the supporting fire.

Special Firefighting Procedures

None required.

Autoignition Temperature:

NA

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.

Not DOT regulated.

Section V - Reactivity Data

Stability	Unstable	Conditions to Avoid Thermal decomposition may release acrid smoke and irritating fumes.
	Stable	
	X	

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)

None known.

Polymerization	Will Not Occur	Conditions to Avoid NA
	X	

Section VI - Health Hazard Data

Route(s) of Entry:	Inhalation?	Skin?	Ingestion?
	Yes	Yes	Yes

Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic)

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Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Carcinogenicity:	NTP?	IARC Monographs?	OSHA Regulated?
No	No	No	No
LD50-LC50 Mixture: >250mg/kg			

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

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Avoid skin and eye contact; do not ingest.

Medical Conditions**Emergency and First Aid Procedure****INHALATION:** Irritant; avoid creating and breathing dusts.**INGESTION:** May be irritating to gastrointestinal tract.**EYES:** Flush thoroughly with water, lifting lower and upper eyelids with water for at least 15 min. lifting eyelids. Get medical attention if irritation persists. **SKIN:** Wash with mild soap and water.**Section VII - Precautions for Safe Handling and Use**

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled

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Waste Disposal Method (These guidelines are intended for listed quantity only.)

Follow applicable regulations.

Discharge may be subject to Federal, State and Local laws.

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storage (Keep container tightly closed when not in use.)

Store in a cool, dry place.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Other Precautions:

For lab use only. Not for drug, food, or cosmetic use. Keep out of reach of children. Wash hands after handling.

Section VIII - Control Measures

Respiratory Protection (Specify Type)

None needed.

Ventilation	Local Exhaust	Special
	Not required.	No
	Mechanical (General)	Other
	Not required.	No

Protective Gloves

None needed.

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment

Chemical safety goggles (recommended), lab coat, apron, eye wash station in close proximity, within 15 sec. of work station.

Work/Hygiene Practices

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MSDS No. EE 80
Effective Date February 23, 1998

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Product: ETHYL ALCOHOL, DENATURED

Chemical Synonyms: Ethanol, Propoxy Solvent, 190 Proof

Formula:

Unit Size: up to 20 L

C.A.S. No.:

Mixture:

Principal Component(s):

Ethyl Alcohol, denatured (C.A.S. No. 64-17-5)

Methyl Alcohol (C.A.S. No. 67-11-1)

DANGER: FLAMMABLE, HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Boiling Point (°F): -113°C (-179°F)

Boiling Point (°C): 75-80°C (163-174°F)

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): 0.44 @ 68°F

Vapor Density (Air=1): 0.814 @ 68°F

Solubility in Water: Complete

Appearance & Odor: Clear, colorless, mobile liquid, mild characteristic odor.

SECTION IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point: (19°C) 50°F TCC

Explosive Limits: 3.3 (L) ALC, 19.0 (U) ALC

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical (ABC), alcohol type, or universal type foam.

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES

Wear a NIOSH/ASTM approved self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool.

Autoignition Temperature: 363°C (683°F)

Flash Point: (C.A.S. No. 106-10-1) 1.9% TWA, 50 ppm, STEL 75 ppm

Ethyl Alcohol: (C.A.S. No. 141-28-6) 0.9% TWA, 400 ppm

Denatured Ethyl Alcohol: (C.A.S. No. 64742-59-8) 0.8% TWA, 400 ppm

100% Pure Ethyl Alcohol

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

Vapors formed from this product may travel or be moved by air currents and ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at location of handling point. CAUTION: Flame may not be visible in daylight. Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products, can react vigorously with oxidizing materials.

(1998) EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK, DOT P 5800.7, GUIDE PAGE NO. 1271

D.O.T. DENATURED ALCOHOL, 3, NA 1907, PG II

Approved by U.S. Department of Labor, essentially similar to form OSHA-20

SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Threshold Limited Value

Effects of Overexposure

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Stability

Incompatibility

Hazardous Decomposition Products

May Occur

Spill or Leak Procedures

Waste Disposal Method

SECTION VII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Ventilation

Protective Gloves

Other Protective Equipment

Precautions to be Taken in Handling & Storage

Other Precautions

Revision

Date

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22. Experiment Procedures Documentation

Loading – A forklift will not be needed to place the experiment inside the plane. The experiment will be strapped down to secure its position on the plane.

Pre-Flight – The equipment will be tested prior to flight.

Take-off/Landing – No special procedures.

In-Flight – The team will install the syringe and initiate the first reaction. Following data collection, vials will be switched and additional reactions will be initiated.

Post-Flight – No special procedures

Off-Loading – The chemicals should be placed in a cool storage area such as a refrigerator for use the following day.

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